

ABSTRACT
WA-I-225
Brick Farmhouse
Reid Vicinity
private

1852

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

Brick Farmhouse

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

North of Reid Road

CITY, TOWN

Reid

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

☒ VICINITY OF Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Washington

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT
☒ BUILDING(S)
☐ STRUCTURE
☐ SITE
☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC
☒ PRIVATE
☐ BOTH
PUBLIC ACQUISITION
☐ IN PROCESS
☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED
☐ UNOCCUPIED
☐ WORK IN PROGRESS
ACCESSIBLE
☐ YES: RESTRICTED
☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED
☒ NO

PRESENT USE

☒ AGRICULTURE
☐ COMMERCIAL
☐ EDUCATIONAL
☐ ENTERTAINMENT
☐ GOVERNMENT
☐ INDUSTRIAL
☐ MILITARY
☐ MUSEUM
☐ PARK
☒ PRIVATE RESIDENCE
☐ RELIGIOUS
☐ SCIENTIFIC
☐ TRANSPORTATION
☐ OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Preston E. Martin

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Route # 8, Box 166

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21740

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION

COURTHOUSE,

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Washington County Court House

Liber #: 246

Folio #: 316

STREET & NUMBER

West Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Hagerstown

STATE

Maryland 21740

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

WA-I-225

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED < 50%	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This farm is located north of Reid Road, west of the village of Reid in Washington County, Maryland. The house is located on a slight slope and faces east.

The dwelling is a two story five bay brick structure set on coursed fieldstone foundations which become almost a full story in height at the front elevation. A two story ell addition, lower in height than the main structure extends to the rear or west. Bricks forming the walls are laid in American or common bond at all elevations. Generally five courses of stretcher bricks are to be seen between rows of headers. Flat arches are present above the openings in the main section.

Most windows have six over six pane double hung sashes held within narrow frames finished with a bead at the inside edge. Louvered shutters flank the second story windows while pairs of two panel shutters are used at the first story. Four windows are present at the upper story of the front elevation, grouped in pairs toward either end of the wall.

A pair of entrances which display framing similar to that of the windows is located in the center bay and in the second bay from the north end of the front wall. Each door appears to have a diamond pane transom. Another entrance is located toward the west end of the north gable wall of the house.

Extending along the entire front elevation is a shed roofed porch one and a half stories high and supported by chamfered square posts. A flight of steps at its north end provides access to the main story level. The upper portion of the porch roof is secured with a course of projecting bricks running beneath the second story windows.

The roof of the house is sheathed with sheet metal and terminates with barge boards set directly against the end walls. Brick chimneys with corbels at their tops are located inside each gable end. The date 1852 is said to be located in one of the chimneys.

North of the house are various frame outbuildings and sheds and a large metal windmill. Dairy barns are located farther to the north.

The buildings appear to be in excellent condition and stand on a tract containing 94 acres, part of "Spriggs Paradise." The house is similar to one located nearby, south of Reid Road and built by the same family. (WA-I-224).

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES 1852 - Dated in Chimney BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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- Jonas Eshleman purchased the farm from his father in 1866 (IN19/363). He and his wife Lizzie sold it to Maria H. Eshleman in 1897 (106/354). It was purchased by Noah H. and Fannie B. Martin in 1924 (169/236) and by the present owners in 1948.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Washington County Land Records.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATAACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 94.78 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Paula Stoner Dickey, Consultant

ORGANIZATION

Washington County Historical Sites Survey

DATE

October 1976

STREET & NUMBER

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TELEPHONE

791-3065

CITY OR TOWN

Hagerstown

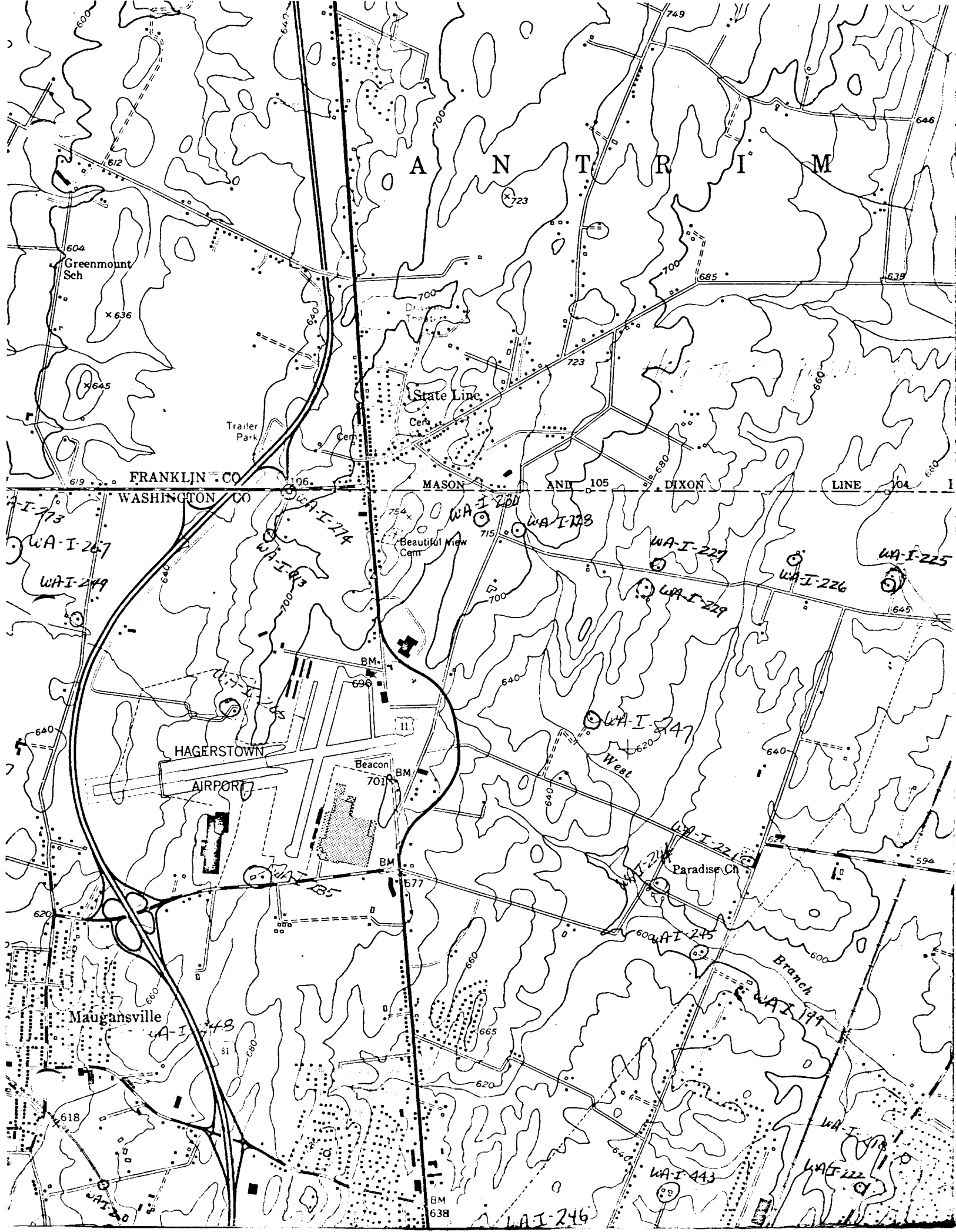
STATE

Maryland 21740

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